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THE HISTORY OF *JACK JINGLE.*

WHO don't know old Gaffer Jingle? or what is yet more, who has not heard of his son Jack? Well; I never saw such a good boy as he was; all the neighbours say it gave them pleasure to see him, he was so industrious at work, so dutiful to his parents, and so desirous of making every body happy, that there could

not be a bettes example for any children, either rich or poor. His father used to work for Sir Luke Lovel; he was very poor, and would have been still poorer, had it not been for Sir Luke, and a very good gentleman he was too, so benevolent and charitable to the poor, that the whole village rung with his praise.— This was being a gentleman; had but your gentry at this time more compassion for the poor, we should not see so

many shocking spectacles as we do in all parts of this great kingdom ; but to return to my story.

Well as I told you just now, Gaffer Jingle worked with Sir Luke Lovel ; very good, he did so. See there again now, you have put me out. However, as I was telling you, Gaffer Jingle worked with Sir Luke, and as the Knight was continually helping him, so Jack's father used to make such little acknowledgements

as came within the limits of his income! it was on this occasion Jack was called by his father to carry a fine fish Gaffer had caught, as a testimony of his gratitude to Sir Luke;



for you must not think because Jack's father was poor, that he could not catch fish; at least it is the way for you to catch no fish if you think so. Well,

as I told you before, Jack was to carry this fish to Sir Luke; accordingly he received his order, and having put the fish into a basket, set out for Sir Luke's. When he came to the



house, he went in and delivered his present, the servant who received it, gave him three halfpence, and what is still better, a nice plum-cake, for you must know that he loved Jack, because he was a good boy and learned his book. Jack returned thanks to the servants, and having secured his cake, went out of the court yard, and was just got to the gate, when who should be there but Sir Luke himself, taking a walk under a row of

trees that grew on one side of his house, much unlike our great folks now a days, who lie in bed till one third of the day is over. It used to be a saying of Sir Luke's, and a very good one too, let me tell you, that "We should rise with the lark, and lie down with the lamb." Well, says Sir Luke, how is your father? Jack replied very well, and thank your worship, (for you must observe he was a justice of peace) he then repeated his message to

Sir Luke, who desired that he would thank his father, and giving him a shilling, went to breakfast.

Jack, who had never seen so much money before in his life, was quite overjoyed at the sight, and ran crying as loud as he could, a shilling ! a penny ! a halfpenny ! and a plum-cake ! huzza ! And in this manner he continued to run and repeat the words before-mentioned, till he came to his father's cottage, that neighbours came out

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to see what was the matter, and the children came after them. Jack sat himself down upon the settle at the door, and calling the children about him, divided it among them, for he would part with any thing.

The next morning, as soon as Jack got up, he began to think what he should do with all his money ; he thought of an hundred things, but none seemed so practicable as the following : if (says he) I buy a hen, she to be sure will lay eggs,

with care will bring chickens; well then, I shall carry those chickens to market, and with my money buy something else. So said, so done, away run Jack to consult his father, who not only agreed to his proposal, but went with him to farmer Giles's to purchase a hen that very day; and a pretty one she was I will assure you; and what is better, she was as good as she was handsome, for she very soon brought little Jack no less than eight chickens, and I

think as pretty a little bird as any good boy or girl ever saw ; and it is with pleasure I can acquaint my readers he so well improved his stock, that in a short time he sold his fowls, and bought a lamb, which he



called Liddy, and a pretty creature she was, and grew so fond of Jack, that it was as

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common to see them together, as to see Gaffer Gubbins go to water his horse: Now you must know, one day Jack was sent to Sir Luke's on an errand; I suppose I need not tell you that Liddy the lamb went with him. The Knight asked how he came by it, and he told him, which made Sir Luke laugh heartily, as he little thought to have seen his shilling so well improved, and therefore gave him a jack-daw, which he taught to ride on Liddy's back.

From this time Sir Luke grew so very fond of Jack, that he was now almost every day at the Knight's, who seeing him a good boy, sent him to school, where he behaved so well, that he gained the love of his school-fellows. Sir Luke also gave him a good estate, on which he built a house, which to this day is called "The House that Jack built."

THE END.

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